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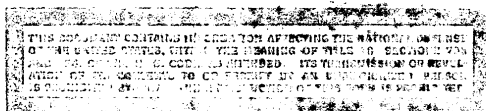
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1. The East German Central Office for Research and Technology (Zentralamt fuer Forschung und Technik - ZAPT) is a part of the State Planning Commission. Within the State Planning Commission, Erwin Karber, one of the Deputy Heads of the State Planning Commission, is specifically charged with the supervision of ZAPT, so that he, being directly responsible to the head of the State Planning Commission, Bruno Leuschner, may be considered to be the highest command authority with respect to ZAPT.
2. Professor Werner Lange also belongs to the State Planning Commission in his capacity as head of ZAPT. He takes part in all sessions of the State Planning Commission, whether or not they have anything to do with ZAPT matters. In those sessions of the State Planning Commission which deal exclusively with ZAPT matters, Lange frequently appears at the sessions of the State Planning Commission with Erich Baumbach, head of ZAPT Main Department I. Baumbach also appears there alone in cases where Lange is prevented from attending. The ZAPT representation is thus performed by Lange and Baumbach. Until early 1953, Lange also represented ZAPT in the State Planning Commission in all questions dealing with standardization and scientific-technical cooperation. This is no longer the case, however, since the former ZAPT Departments for Norms and Quality Control (now the Office for Standardization) and for Scientific-Technical Cooperation, were separated from ZAPT and are now represented in the State Planning Commission as independent units by their respective heads.
3. The following are the main functions of Lange:
 - a. He represents ZAPT at higher governmental levels, which chiefly means at the State Planning Commission. In rare cases, he has also been called before the Council of Ministers in order to give information on certain topics.
 - b. He deals directly with the highest authorities in the so-called Organizational Units (Ministries, State Secretariats, Academies, Magistrate of Greater Berlin, etc.). Lange's direct liaison with these units, however, is confined to the highest authorities in

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the units, as for instance with the Minister in the case of the Ministry. The actual liaison with the Organizational Units is maintained by the Fachreferenten of ZAFI, who deal with their counterparts in the Main Departments for Research and Technology within the Organizational Units. These Main Departments do not always have the same designations and are also called Main Departments for Technology, for Research and Development, etc. If the problem in question goes beyond the responsibility of a Fachreferent, the head of the corresponding Main Department of ZAFI establishes direct contact with the head of the Main Department for Research and Development, etc., in the Organizational Unit. Only in cases where the importance of the problem in question even exceeds the responsibility of a ZAFI Main Department head, do Lange and the Minister in question or the corresponding authority in other Organizational Units establish direct contact. These methods of contact between ZAFI and the Organizational Units are used for oral as well as written liaison.

- c. Lange also is responsible for all principle interests (Grundsätzliche Belange) of ZAFI. To these interests, for instance, belong the establishing of the control figure (i.e. total funds) for the Research and Development Plan. This control figure is established in ZAFI under Lange's direct supervision in the following way. ZAFI receives propositions concerning the funds to be spent for research and development from the individual Organizational Units. The heads of the two Main Departments of ZAFI then report to Lange the total funds necessary for carrying out research and development projects in their respective Departments. Lange coordinates these total figures with a provisory total control figure which he has previously received from the State Planning Commission and communicates the result to the State Planning Commission. It also is Lange's responsibility to justify before the State Planning Commission all cases in which the total control figure computed by ZAFI exceeds the one previously and provisionally established by the State Planning Commission. If, in the course of a Plan Year, additional funds become necessary, it is Lange's responsibility to apply for them and justify their necessity to the State Planning Commission. In a similar way, Lange is responsible for the coordination between investments to be made for research and development and the total Investment Plan. The total control figure for the Investment Plan is established by the State Planning Commission on the basis of propositions made by the Organizational Units. This figure is communicated to ZAFI, which, under Lange's responsibility, forwards a control figure for investments to be made for research and development, as part of the total Investment Plan.
- d. Lange represents ZAFI with the Soviet authorities. He has direct contact with the Soviets in Karlsruher. Two persons with whom he has dealt in the past are known to be "Chayoyev (fnu) and Pootnikov (fnu). The exact functions of these Subunits are not known.
- e. Lange also has the final decision in certain administration matters such as the hiring of new personnel or the granting of individual contracts to ZAFI employees. He makes such decisions usually on the basis of recommendations made by ZAFI Department heads, such as the Personnel Department, Finance Department, etc.

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4. The command channels within the ZAPT organization correspond to its structure. The highest responsibility lies with Lange. On the next echelon are the heads of the two Main Departments. The next lower level is composed of the heads of the Fachgebiete, and within a Fachgebiet the Referenten are the lowest echelon of authority. However, the Referenten are frequently the most important personnel as far as scientific matters are concerned.
5. Current ZAPT matters are the subject of a meeting called the **Leitungssitzung** which takes place once every week. This meeting takes place under the chairmanship of Professor Lange, with the following persons present:
 - a. Gerhard Jurr, head of the Cadre Department.
 - b. Erich Baumbach, head of Main Department I.
 - c. Herbert Roehl, head of Main Department II.
 - d. Erich Bauer, head of the Department for Integral Planning (also called Organizational Planning and Operational Planning).
 - e. Dr. Horst Burghardt, head of **Fachgebiet** Medizin, in his capacity as chairman of the ZAPT Trade Union Group (BGL).
 - f. Otto Roeck, SED Party Secretary in ZAPT.

Sometimes Dr. Guenther Panning, head of the Department for the Chemistry of Basic Materials, is called to these sessions. All persons taking part in them are Party personnel. These sessions are mainly concerned with the discussion of the following problems:

- a. The ZAPT work schedule.
- b. Tasks of the Referenten and methods of improving their work.
- c. Perspective tasks, i.e. tasks extending over longer periods.
- d. Additional tasks forwarded to ZAPT by the State Planning Commission or by the Soviets.
- e. Hiring of new personnel, and granting of individual contracts.
- f. Distribution of premiums.
- g. Questions concerning the economic importance of research projects.
- h. In recent times these sessions have also discussed the organization, personnel and methods of the Arbeitskreise (Work Circles) and Arbeitsgruppen (Work Groups).

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